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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

5 1.   A method for managing resources in a computer network, comprising:

defining the contents of a configuration file for each network user;

receiving a login identification from a user;

10   matching the user identity with the user configuration file; and

attaching network resources to a client computer based on the user identity and the contents of the user configuration file.

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2.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the contents of the configuration file are defined by a network administrator.

20 3.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the configuration file is stored on a network server.

4.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of attaching resources to a client is accomplished by means

25 of a resource attachment program.

5.   The method according to claim 4, wherein the resource attachment program is stored on the client computer.

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6.   The method according to claim 4, wherein the resource attachment program is stored on a network server.

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7.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of attaching resources to a client further comprises creating a record of all successfully attached resources.

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8.   The method according to claim 7, wherein the record is stored on the client.

9.   The method according to claim 7, wherein the record
10   is stored on a network server.

10.   The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
       receiving a log out command from the user; and
       unattaching the attached resources.

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11.   The method according to claim 7, further comprising:
       receiving a log out command from the user; and
       deleting the record of attached resources.

20   12.   The method according to claim 1, wherein the client computer uses the UNIX operating system.

13.   A method for accessing resources in a computer network, comprising:
25   logging in a user identification; and
       receiving access to network resources based on an individualized configuration file.

14.   A computer program product in a computer readable
30   medium for use in a data processing system for managing resources in a computer network, the computer program product comprising:
       instructions for defining the contents of a

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configuration file for each network user;

instructions for receiving a login identification
from a user; and

instructions for matching the user identity with the
5   user configuration file.

15.   The computer program product according to claim 14,
wherein the contents of the configuration file are
defined by a network administrator.
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16.   The computer program product according to claim 14,
wherein the configuration file is stored on a network
server.

15   17.   The computer program product according to claim 14,
wherein the program runs on a UNIX operating system.

18.   A computer program product in a computer readable
medium for use in a data processing system for managing
20   resources in a computer network, the computer program
product comprising:

instructions for reading the contents of a user
configuration file; and

instructions for attaching network resources to a
25   client computer based on the user identity and the
contents of the user configuration file.

19.   The computer program product according to claim 18,
wherein the program is stored on a client computer.
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20.   The computer program product according to claim 18,
wherein the program is stored on a network server.

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21. The computer program product according to claim 18, further comprising instructions for creating a record of all successfully attached resources.

5   22. The computer program product according to claim 21, wherein the record is stored on a client computer.

23. The computer program product according to claim 21, wherein the record is stored on a network server.

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24. The computer program product according to claim 18, further comprising:
       instructions for receiving a log out command from the user; and
15   instructions for unattaching the attached resources.

25. The computer program product according to claim 21, further comprising:
       instructions for receiving a log out command from
20   the user; and
       instructions for deleting the record of attached resources.

26. The computer program product according to claim 18,
25   wherein the program runs on a UNIX operating system.

27. A system for managing resources in a computer network, comprising:
       means for defining the contents of a configuration
30   file for each network user;
       means for receiving a login identification from a user;
       means for matching the user identity with the user

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configuration file; and

     means for attaching network resources to a client computer based on the user identity and the contents of the user configuration file.

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28.   The system according to claim 27, further comprising:

     means for receiving a log out command from the user; and

10   means for unattaching the attached resources.